

# BEST PRACTICE CATALOG

Project Title: **GROUND'S PRESENCE**

Function Category: ☒ PATIENT-FOCUSED    ☐ ORGANIZATION    ☐ STRUCTURES

Subcategory: **Continuum of Care**

Heading: **N/A**

Key Word(s): **Safe, Secure, Therapeutic Environment**

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**Purpose:** To provide and maintain a safe, secure and therapeutic environment for patients, staff and visitors within the inner compounds of Patton State Hospital.

**Brief Description:** Grounds Presence (psychiatric technicians on special assignment) provide specialized services to ensure a safe, secure and therapeutic environment on grounds through bike patrols, foot patrols, and direct radio communication with the Department of Corrections. Grounds Presence Teams relate positively with patients and whenever necessary, provide input to unit staff and administration.

**Selection Basis/Criteria:**

The following items are available regarding this Best Practice:

☐ Photographs    ☐ Video Tape    ☐ Drawings    ☐ Manual

☐ Other : \_\_\_\_\_

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